# How to Connect to Network Shares

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**IMPORTANT: If you are off campus, you must first connect to the RIT VPN.**

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## Mac OS

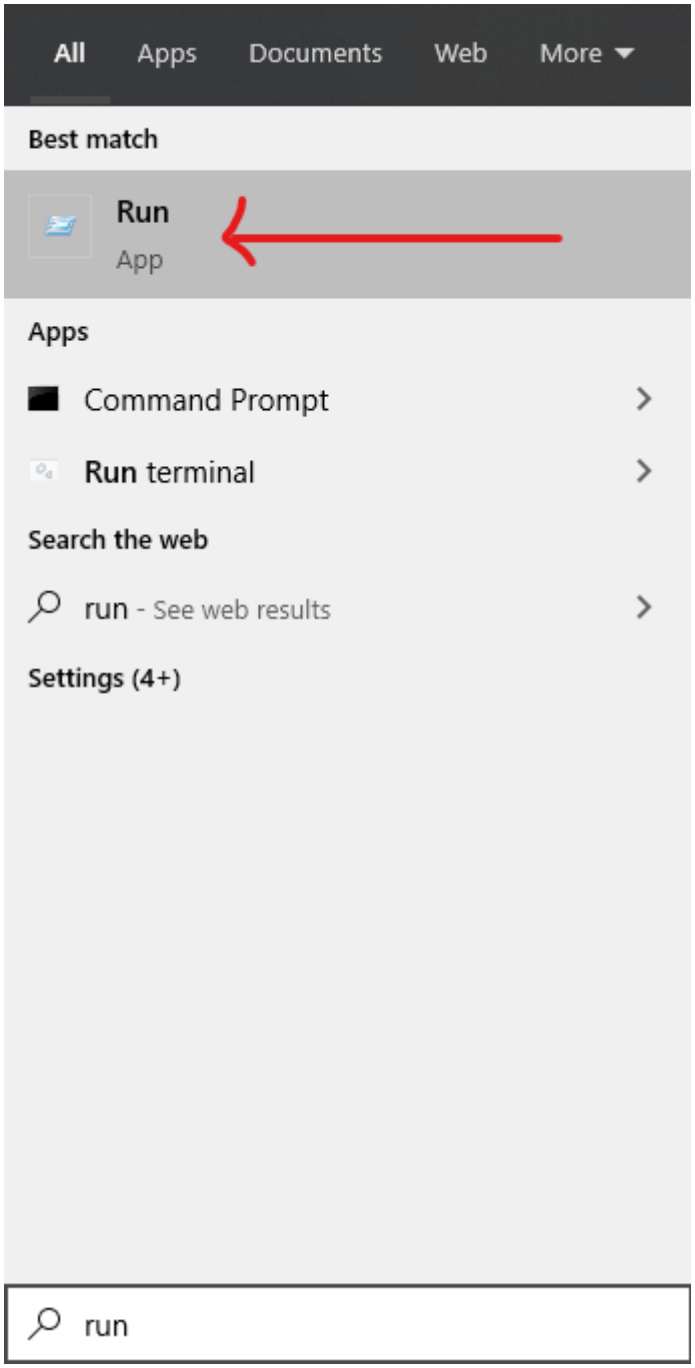
- From Finder, click the Go menu, and then select Connect to Server.
- Type in the address of the share you want to access and click Connect. Below are some available shares and their addresses.

**Transfer:** smb://CAD-files.main.ad.rit.edu/transfer
**Courses:** smb://CAD-files.main.ad.rit.edu/courses
**Help:** smb://CAD-files.main.ad.rit.edu/help
**Rendershare:** smb://CAD-files.main.ad.rit.edu/rendershare/
**My Shares:** smb://CAD-files.main.ad.rit.edu/my_shares

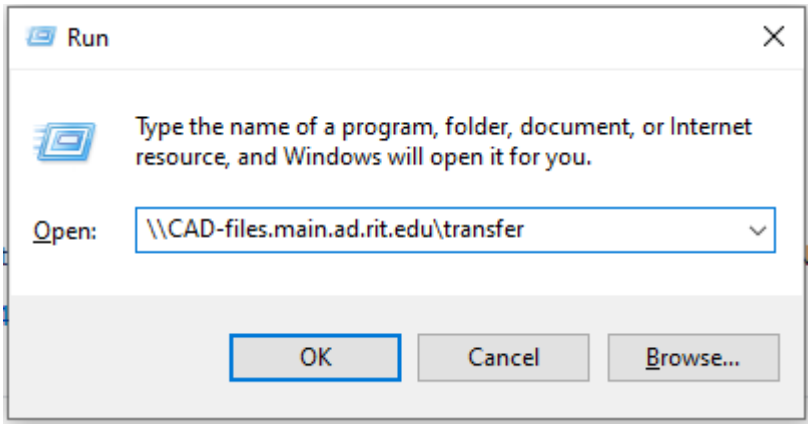
- When prompted, enter your RIT username and password, and click Connect. You should now see a window pop up with the file share.

## Windows

- Click the Start menu and then select Run.  Alternatively, hold the Windows key and type the letter “R”.




- Type in the address of the share you want to access and click OK. Below are some available shares and their addresses.




**Transfer:** \\CAD-files.main.ad.rit.edu\transfer
**Courses:** \\CAD-files.main.ad.rit.edu\courses
**Help:** \\CAD-files.main.ad.rit.edu\help
**Rendershare:** \\CAD-files.main.ad.rit.edu\rendershare\<Your RIT Username>
**My Shares:** \\CAD-files.main.ad.rit.edu\my_shares

- When prompted, enter in your RIT username and password and click OK. Important:  If your first login attempt fails, enter your username with 'MAIN\' like this:  MAIN\abc1234.  This will force your personal computer to authentication against RIT's directory.